

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 16-32 were pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 23-32 were allowed. Claims 16 and 20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-7, and 16-32 remain pending in the application.

The Examiner objected to the specification. Applicant has amended the specification to overcome this objection. Also, the Examiner requested that the status of the related application referenced in Applicant's Specification be updated. Applicant has amended the section "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" of Applicant's Specification to include the application number of the related application, which is still pending.

The Examiner objected to the drawings. Applicant has corrected the drawings to overcome this objection.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection

Claims 16-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claim 16 overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 16-22.


CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-96600/BNK.

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